

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A data-reproduction apparatus comprising:

5 a memory device of storing specification data for specifying the portion of the reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted when pausing reproduction of reproduction data;

a judgment device that determines, based on said stored specification data, whether or not said reproduction data to be reproduced this time is reproduction data from which reproduction is
10 to be restarted, or is reproduction data that is to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data;

a restart-output device of outputting restart representative data, which are data that are representative of the portion that was specified based on said specification data when said reproduction data is
15 reproduction data that is paused and is to be restarted; and

a initial-output device of outputting initial representative data, which are preset data that are representative of the entire reproduction data when said reproduction data are reproduction data to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data.

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2. The data-reproduction apparatus according to claim 1 wherein:

said representative data are image data;

said restart representative data is the image to be reproduced
25 first at said portion; and

said initial representative data is a preset image representing the entire reproduction data.

3. The data-reproduction apparatus according to claim 1 wherein;

said specification data is the reproduction time at the beginning
5 of said portion on the reproduction timeline of said reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted.

4. A data-reproduction method comprising:

a memory process of storing specification data for specifying the
10 portion of the reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted when pausing reproduction of reproduction data;

a judgment process that determines, based on said stored specification data, whether or not said reproduction data to be reproduced this time is reproduction data from which reproduction is
15 to be restarted, or is reproduction data that is to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data;

a restart-output process of outputting restart representative data, which are data that are representative of the portion that was specified based on said specification data when said reproduction data
20 is reproduction data that is paused and is to be restarted; and

a initial-output process of outputting initial representative data, which are preset data that are representative of the entire reproduction data when said reproduction data are reproduction data to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data.

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5. A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing a sequence of instructions, which executed by a computer

included in the data-reproduction apparatus that reproduces reproduction data, the instructions cause the computer to function as:

5 a memory device of storing specification data for specifying the portion of the reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted when pausing reproduction of reproduction data;

a judgment device that determines, based on said stored specification data, whether or not said reproduction data to be reproduced this time is reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted, or is reproduction data that is to be reproduced from
10 the beginning of the reproduction data;

a restart-output device of outputting restart representative data, which are data that are representative of the portion that was specified based on said specification data when said reproduction data is reproduction data that is paused and is to be restarted; and

15 a initial-output device of outputting initial representative data, which are preset data that are representative of the entire reproduction data when said reproduction data are reproduction data to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data.

20 6. A data-recording medium in which a program is recorded so as to be readable by a computer included in the data-reproduction apparatus that reproduces reproduction data, wherein said program allows said computer to function as:

a memory device of storing specification data for specifying the
25 portion of the reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted when pausing reproduction of reproduction data;

a judgment device that determines, based on said stored

specification data, whether or not said reproduction data to be reproduced this time is reproduction data from which reproduction is to be restarted, or is reproduction data that is to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data;

5 a restart-output device of outputting restart representative data, which are data that are representative of the portion that was specified based on said specification data when said reproduction data is reproduction data that is paused and is to be restarted; and

 a initial-output device of outputting initial representative data,
10 which are preset data that are representative of the entire reproduction data when said reproduction data are reproduction data to be reproduced from the beginning of the reproduction data.